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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TREASURER, SELECTMEN,  
AND  
SCHOOL BOARD,  
OF THE  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD,  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEB. 15,  
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# REPORT

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Money paid away by John J. Perry, Treasurer of the Town of  
Strafford, by Orders from the Selectmen, for the year end-  
ing Feb. 15th, 1898.

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## PAID SCHOOL BILLS.

H. S. Hill, treasurer of school board,	\$2,057 43
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## PAID FOR SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	5 09
D. S. Woodman,	2 63
Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	4 19
Rand, McNally & Co.,	58 97
Maynard, Merrill & Co.,	40 00
Ginn & Co.,	42 40
Edwin E. Babb & Co.,	12 06
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	\$2,222 77

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## PAID FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Henry R. Foss, road agent, 1896,	\$	72 15
Herbert S. Scruton,     “		114 08
Jesse B. Gray,         “		68 75
Henry G. Bunker,     “     1897,		1,755 34
David O. Libby,         “		1,279 94
Willie F. Caverly     “		1,053 96
Stephen M. Leighton,   “		5 02

Henry A. Drew,

6 50

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 \$4,355 74

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 PAID BILLS FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

H. S. Hill, burial outfit furnished Rose Hall,	\$14 00
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance, Mrs. Sadie Thompson,	8 00
John M. Hayes, support Fred L. Foss,	10 00
G. H. Greely, medical attendance to Fred L. Foss,	22 00
Town of Alton, aid furnished Wm. Jones,	12 00
Joseph Ramsdell, aid furnished James Durant,	4 70
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance Geo. W. Smith,	15 50
Daniel Clay, support of Geo. W. Smith,	8 00
J. J. Perry, supplies for Sidney Hall,	4 00
“ goods delivered Burley Hall for the support of Sidney,	39 64
J. L. Critchett, supplies and house rent furnished Fred L. Foss,	45 17
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 AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

J. A. Mudgett, medical attendance, Mrs. John W. Locke,	31 87
J. J. Perry, goods del. John W. Locke,	12 35
N. C. Twombly, medical attendance to John W. Locke and family,	24 00
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 PAID SUNDRY PERSONS FOR SERVICES.

Irving B. Berry, services as supervisor, 1897,	\$10 00
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Chas. E. Evans, services as supervisor, 1896,	\$ 12 00
Elmer A. Scribner, " 1897,	10 00
" part pay for collecting tax,	85 00
Joseph L. Hall, collector for year 1896,	25 00
Daniel S. Woodman, member of school board,	25 00
" extra labor, stamps and station- ery,	5 00
Ella F. Scott, member of school board,	25 00
Hiram S. Hill, " "	25 00
" treasurer for school board,	5 00
Daniel Clay, services as dog constable,	12 00
George P. Foss, services as town clerk and cash paid out,	42 60
Smith W. Caswell, supervisor, 1897,	10 00
James H. Stiles, ballot clerk,	2 00
Chas. A. Hall, member board of health,	5 00
John J. Perry, town treasurer,	45 00
John C. Hayes, auditor town accounts, 1896,	1 50
Frank E. Scruton, selectman,	98 71
Stephen M. Leighton, "	87 90
James H. Foss,	57 25
George W. Boody, services as moderator,	3 00
James H. Foss " truant officer,	5 00
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	\$596 96

#### PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

N. C. Twombly, return of births and deaths,	\$ 2 75
Hiram P. Tuttle, services rendered town in May E. Collis case,	1 50
Edson C. Eastman, supplies furnished town,	12 95
W. F. Hanscam heirs, drawback on highway tax, 1896,	2 00
Newell B. Foss, drawback on buildings lost by fire,	10 00
J. A. Rowe, sawing wood,	75

Luther C. Critchett, memorial services,	\$ 50 00
John W. Shepard, fighting fire,	1 25
Felker & Gunnison, for writ of execution against the town of Strafford as trustee in Seavey vs Ricker,	13 75
Frank H. Berry, printing town reports,	51 60
W. J. Rowe, cleaning town house,	75
Henry R. Foss, burying sheep and dog,	1 00
A. P. Wentworth, burying horse,	2 00
Joseph L. Hall, land sold for taxes and bought by town,	278 36
E. J. Parshley, drawback on over tax,	4 00
Isaac G. Felker, drawback on horse lost,	1 20
Hiram S. Hill, drawback on over tax, stock in trade,	2 00
C. W. Hanson, return of births and deaths,	50
J. J. Perry, one plow sold to town,	2 50
F. E. Wallace & Co., Acron pipe,	16 00
J. L. Whitehouse, keeping tramp,	1 00
“ “	1 00
“ “	1 00
“ “ three tramps,	3 00
James H. Foss, keeping tramp,	1 00
L. W. Hill, keeping tramps,	3 00
“ “	2 00
Daniel Clay, “	5 00
“ “	2 00
“ “	2 00
“ “	2 00
John S. Hussey, “	4 00
“ “	2 00
John H. Bateman, “	4 00
John D. Clark, “	4 00
Abran Evans, “	1 00
James H. Foss, one cord hard wood,	2 50



A. V. Canney, watering tub, (	\$3 00
D. D. Caswell,        "	3 00
A. P. Wentworth,    "    1896,	3 00
"        "        1897,	3 00
J. C. Hall,        "	3 00
Whitehouse Bros.,   "	3 00
Samuel F. Welch,    "	3 00
Mark F. Foss,       "	3 00
John S. Hussey, keeping tramps,	2 00
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	\$ 521 36

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#### PAID NOTES AND INTEREST.

David M. Perkins, heirs,	520 00
Martha A. Perkins,	624 00
Warren H. Perkins,	102 06
Lizzie S. Caswell,	209 45
Strafford National Bank,	1,244 18
Rufus Hall,	1,063 33
Sarah Berry,	422 80
Smith W. Caswell,	605 86
Ester J. Bunker,	540 00
Aaron W. Foss, interest on Austin Academy funds, 1896,	160 00
N. C. Twombly,	640 64
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	6,132 32

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#### DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Henry R. Foss, 11 sheep killed and damage to flock,	36 00
Daniel S. Otis, 6 sheep killed and damage to flock,	25 00
Aaron W. Foss, 4 sheep killed and damage to flock,	12 00
Warren H. Perkins, 1 sheep killed in 1896,	3 00
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	\$76 00

## PAID STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

George D. Nowell, county tax,	\$1,629 30
Solomon A. Carter, state tax,	1,165 00
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	\$2,794 30

## BARNSTEAD ROAD.

Paid toward Barnstead new highway,	700 00
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## LAWSUITS AND DAMAGES.

Herbert J. Holmes, damage to team in culvert,	2 75
Elmer A. Scribner, " "	12 50
Ovid Lamontigue, damage to wheel,	2 00
David O. Libbey, attendance at court in Dr. Hill case,	3 70
Belle S. Leighton, attendance at court in Dr. Hill case,	3 70
Paul Perkins, services in opposing the laying out of new highway in Barnstead,	8 00
Frank Foye, attendance at court in Dr. Hill case,	4 20
Chas. H. Perry, damage to field,	2 50
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	\$ 39 35

ABATEMENTS ALLOWED JOSEPH L. HALL ON HIS  
LIST FOR 1896.

A. M. Lee,	1 20
Oliver A. Kinsman,	2 00
Thomas Lenway,	2 00
Joseph E. Hill,	2 00
Melvin Tasker,	2 00
Elmer Blinn,	2 00
Stephen S. Evans,	2 00
Burley Hall,	2 00

Samuel Hall place,	\$2 00
Edwin S. Otis,	2 00
Elmer G. Varney,	2 00
Charles O. Gray,	3 10
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Total,	24 30

RECAPITULATION OF MONEY PAID AWAY BY JOHN  
G. PERRY, TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF  
STRAFFORD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
FEB. 15, 1898.

School bills,	\$2,222 77
Highway bills,	4,355 74
Barnstead road,	700 00
Town paupers,	183 01
Dependent soldiers,	68 22
Sundry persons for services,	596 96
Miscellaneous,	521 36
Lawsuits and damages,	39 35
Notes and interest,	6,132 32
Damage to sheep by dogs,	76 00
State and county taxes,	2,794 30
Abatements allowed J. L. Hall on his list 1896,	24 30
Amount in treasurer's hands,	893 35
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	18,607 68

MONEY RECEIVED AND RECEIPTED FOR BY JOHN  
J. PERRY, TREASURER, FOR THE YEAR END-  
ING FEB. 15, 1898.

C. H. Twombly Treasurer, for 1896,	\$ 904 68
Selectmen by notes,	7,229 30
J. L. Hall, collector for 1896,	2,476 22



J. L. Hall, interest for 1896,	\$ 59 22
“ abatements “	24 30
E. A. Scribner, collector for 1897,	6,349 39
George P. Foss, license on dogs,	131 60
Herbert S. Scruton, overdraw on highway,	43 66
Selectmen, E. M. Johnson, tax,	2 00
“ tax for land redeemed,	31 68
“ grass sold on town meadow,	5 00
Solon A. Carter, savings bank tax,	1,209 98
“ “ literary fund,	129 58
“ “ bounty on hawks,	2 50
D. S. Woodman, text books sold,	5 83
H. S. Hill, “ “	2 74

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JOHN J. PERRY, Treasurer.

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We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

HIRAM S. HILL,  
DANIEL S. WOODMAN, } Auditors.

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MONEY EXPENDED BY HENRY G. BUNKER, ROAD  
AGENT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

Henry G. Bunker and hired man,	\$234 02
F. E. Wallace & Co. dynamite, caps and fuse,	3 51
Frank McIntire,	62
Alton Chase,	3 00
Ernest Foss,	2 50
Daniel S. Otis,	30 10
J. M. Webster,	14 07
L. P. Webster,	11 19

A. A. Bickford,	\$ 6 50
A. P. Wentworth,	8 98
J. L. Babb,	109 64
John Huntress,	39 01
J. C. Welch,	8 38
Authur C. Babb,	25 89
A. M. Lee,	29 01
Asa L. Holmes,	32 01
Frank Card,	8 38
Isaac Nutter,	19 62
Herbert J. Holmes,	23 63
Frank Holmes,	3 13
George Libby,	32 38
John S. Libby,	27 63
George U. Ricker,	16 85
George E. Rewitzer,	14 28
E. H. Garland,	5 35
Cyrus G. Scott,	25 11
Walter H. Babb,	8 88
R. F. Babb,	26 08
G. W. Babb,	6 13
John S. Brock,	2 07
Roscoe A. Brock,	17 33
Cyrus K. Foss,	6 32
Sanford Taylor,	3 57
Ralph Foss,	75
Howard Carr,	50
W. A. Smith,	38
L. G. Howard,	1 38
Oscar E. Howard,	1 45
Samuel P. Eaton,	6 45
Ruel L. Gray,	1 73
Daniel J. Holmes,	18 57
J. F. Whitmarsh,	2 57
D. D. Wentworth,	13 22
Benj. E. Ellis,	5 50

Fred Hall,	\$ 6 00
E. R. Smith,	2 00
W. P. Burbank,	75
Charles E. Parshley,	11 07
Arthur Berry,	2 50
W. T. Preston,	4 15
Arthur Foss,	2 50
D. H. Scruton,	10 33
Marston Brock,	3 75
Charles D. Scruton,	18 67
Frank E. Scruton,	11 38
Alonzo H. Cater,	20 30
Willis H. Cater,	11 00
F. B. Yeaton,	8 62
Herbert S. Scruton,	18 45
Henry A. Scruton,	11 87
C. F. Felker,	14 75
John M. Felker,	15 50
J. L. Whitehouse,	62 45
J. A. Whitehouse,	11 49
Fred A. Scruton,	13 97
John I. Berry,	35 71
John F. Hall,	24 38
Frank C. Hall,	38 24
Charles A. Hall,	21 01
Freeman Berry,	13 75
C. C. Dame,	10 35
Tobias Brock,	26 75
D. R. Berry,	4 37
B. M. Foss,	22 50
James Foss,	2 08
George W. Scruton,	4 75
Irving A. Howard,	32 59
D. H. Avery,	11 81
Cyrus G. Drew,	16 89
G. F. Clark,	15 49



E. K. Clark,	\$ 11 47
L. A. Doe,	2 76
Oliver Foss,	6 88
H. A. Berry,	3 26
H. S. Babb & Son,	7 81
Charles Babb,	1 25
John Ward,	3 50
Jacob W. Foss,	17 75
James H. Berry,	2 50
Albion S. Scruton,	3 93
Charles Foss,	75
Andrew Ramsdell,	8 75
Benj. P. Berry,	16 32
Irving B. Berry,	21 14
Fred Varney,	6 70
Abram P. Otis,	6 08
A. H. Foss,	4 57
Roscoe Foss,	1 37
O. M. Foss,	1 51
Tobias Roberts,	1 00
Samuel D. Berry,	3 57
John Marcotte,	2 12
L. Lord,	4 38
Laurel Roberts,	1 07
H. Roberts,	57
Levi Peavey,	6 50
Joseph Ramsdell,	4 44
Levi G. Bunker,	63
F. T. Stanton,	15 57
Lovell W. Berry,	17 02
Charles M. Young,	11 75
Lovel F. Berry,	21 03
Chas. O. Canney,	19 06
Hartwell Peabody,	9 57
C. F. Gray,	1 38

Joseph D. Babb,	\$ 16 45
Mark Ham,	4 94
S. F. Welch,	13 75
G. T. Foss,	16 78
C. F. Foss,	18 80
David Avery,	1 69
Frank G. Foss,	2 50
Joel F. Berry,	1 50
George W. Brock,	2 81
Wilbur E. Ricker,	1 10
Thomas Berry,	3 13
W. C. Peavey,	25
Almon F. Foss,	3 75
W. P. Burbank,	4 00
J. A. Winkley,	5 50
Leroy Winkley,	3 88

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\$ 1,755 34

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY G. BUNKER, Agent.

MONEY EXPENDED BY DAVID O. LIBBEY FOR RE-  
PAIRS ON HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES, IN THE  
TOWN OF STRAFFORD, FROM MARCH 15, 1897,  
TO FEB. 14, 1898.

David O. Libbey,	\$ 134 08
Edwin W. Drew,	1 46
Horace W. Evans,	18 51
Albert R. Drew,	15 79
George Drew,	1 28
Warren A. Small,	43 71
George E. Small,	5 56
Herbert J. Gray,	2 53
Charles A. Varney,	17 75
Cotton Foss,	22 02
Wm. J. Foss,	20 28
David Perkins,	6 94
Charles O. Gray,	5 06
Andrew Gilbert,	38
Clarence E. Parsons,	4 25
Charles E. Evans,	74 47
John Varney,	13
Paul Perkins,	23 40
Warren H. Perkins,	3 99
Fred W. Roberts,	9 21
Ralph B. Foss,	19 43
Herman P. Winkley,	2 72
George L. Foss,	45 55
Levi Brown,	14 09
Frank P. Currier,	16 52
Jared P. Brown,	5 63
George E. Foss,	5 02
Harry D. Perkins,	6 01
Albert Johnson,	62



J. Lewis Stiles,	10 81
“ “ shòe and bolts for road machine,	8 25
Joseph Stiles,	5 37
James M. Caswell,	16 04
Chester R. Brown,	10 82
Henry Brown,	10 93
James Seavey,	11 74
Sylvester Swain,	5 37
Fred L. Brown,	1 25
James L. Stiles,	31 22
“ “ running road machine six days,	9 00
Robert Stiles,	9 89
Wilbur Stiles,	9 55
Wallace J. Rowe,	5 00
John W. Shepard,	52 33
George A. Rowe,	11 38
George N. Rowe,	4 12
Levi Johnson,	4 37
John C. Ricker,	5 07
Charles F. Hill,	3 75
John C. Hayes,	12 50
Wilbert Winkley,	1 25
Albie Rowe,	6 00
Elmer A. Scribner,	13 35
Alvin E. Thomas,	2 38
John E. Mason,	1 25
R. W. Foss,	16 63
George P. Foss,	4 62
Daniel Huckins,	8 62
George F. Johnson,	1 25
James H. Foss,	48 79
“ “ bridge plank,	4 60
Henry R. Foss,	29 80
H. S. Hill,	6 99
Frank McIntyre,	3 12
Charles H. Perry,	18 74

Charles M. Foss,	\$ 2 63
Paul H. Winkley,	5 43
John H. Perkins,	7 74
T. W. Leighton,	8 55
Mathias Leighton,	3 12
Plummer Johnson,	6 50
Harrison W. Berry,	12 37
John W. Brown,	2 50
Newell B. Foss,	4 25
John S. Leighton,	19 81
Aaron W. Foss,	35 45
Wm. F. Berry,	5 63
Bert Hawkins,	2 50
Charles M. Hill,	5 10
E. Romanzo Smith,	69 64
Hiram Parshley,	9 74
Ederick I. Foss,	17 77
George A. Berry,	12 08
Charles Roberts,	2 70
Henry G. Parshley,	8 50
Hiram D. Otis,	9 31
H. E. Tasker,	17 76
Lemuel Hawkins,	3 12
Charles H. Avery,	5 46
Edward Whitney,	5 82
James M. Locke, 3 days work,	6 00
“ use of derrick, 3 days,	3 00
John Rowe,	4 50
John S. Gray,	3 38
Daniel J. Holmes,	1 24
Herbert Holmes,	62
John Libby,	62
George Libby,	62
Frank B. Foss,	8 50
F. J. Wentworth,	3 12

Chester Scruton,	\$ 84
J. Owen Libby,	55
Charles H. Twombly,	1 25
George O. Devino,	1 01
Percy G. Foss,	63
Dennis Winkley,	25
Edward W. Berry,	50
Samuel H. Hill,	50
Frank Hilton,	1 00
Frank Rowe,	50
Willie Rowe	33
Willie Race,	22
Fred Huckins,	25
Walter A. Gray,	1 45
Lewis D. Hill,	1 00
John Ward,	1 25
N. C. Twombly,	3 65
Felker & Foss, bridge plank,	17 65
James H. Foss, “	14 83
D. O. Libby, powder and fuse,	57
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	\$1,279 94



RECEIVED OF J. J. PERRY, TREASURER, FOR THE  
 YEAR ENDING FEB. 15TH, 1898, \$1,065.48, AND  
 PAID THE SAME FOR LABOR ON HIGHWAYS  
 AND BRIDGES, AS FOLLOWS:

S. E. Avery,	\$17 86
W. E. Hill,	6 07
J. W. Whitcher,	15 40
J. Oshia,	2 93
C. E. Jenness,	8 00
J. P. Webber,	7 88
C. E. Emerson,	6 88
L. W. Webber,	75
Jesse B. Gray,	13 40
B. Hawkes,	3 63
F. H. Hall,	13 84
G. Mudgett,	2 62
W. W. Waldron,	14 94
D. D. Hall,	5 70
J. O. Caswell,	9 44
A. Hathaway,	6 72
C. H. Caswell,	52 94
B. <sup>W</sup> J. Pease,	19 88
E. O. Caswell,	1 50
H. C. Soule,	1 50
H. A. Drew,	14 74
Gilbert Steeves,	11 63
B. Hawkins,	1 25
Edgar Huckins,	11 12
J. L. Hall,	6 62
Robert Simpson,	3 75
W. H. Tasker,	1 13
Clarence Tasker,	5 75
Byron Roberts,	90
Chas. W. Waldron,	32 28

S. C. Rowe,	\$ 9 69
Harry Rowe,	3 19
J. C. Hall,	4 75
John Locke,	2 00
Henry Locke,	4 49
J. H. Caverly,	62
Elmer Clarke,	10 00
Edwin Hill,	3 82
Daniel Clay,	7 74
Geo. Gilpatrick,	1 25
J. W. Tuttle,	3 88
Leroy W. Brown,	1 93
Geo. A. Abbott,	18 67
E. T. Hall,	6 43
Wm. Godbout,	1 81
L. C. Critchett,	6 13
G. Harvell,	2 50
John Harvell,	6 55
J. Caverno,	13 56
C. Shaw,	1 87
Burley Hall,	15 06
Hiram Tuttle,	12
Scott W. Caswell,	1 40
Geo. W. Caswell,	3 38
Harry Gray,	7 81
Ralph Gray,	27 37
J. D. Clark,	26 01
H. S. Thompson,	3 13
Ernest Thompson,	2 88
Geo. A. Canney,	21 62
M. B. Woodman,	2 00
Alfred Eaton,	2 25
Geo. Newhall,	11 00
Geo. Day,	37
Joseph Hill,	19 25

L. S. Sherman,	\$ 1 87
Ed. Leary,	1 87
Samuel Hill,	7 93
Albert Hill,	4 24
Frank Furnald,	4 25
Frank Hill,	3 25
Alvah Hall,	62
Will Evans,	1 87
L. W. Foss,	5 74
Eugene Foss,	2 37
J. J. Perry,	9 44
W. P. Caswell,	3 62
J. S. Hill,	14 03
J. F. Hutchins,	9 63
H. C. Woodman,	2 25
Geo. Woodman,	26 00
Geo. W. Boody,	1 38
John Canney,	6 25
L. W. Cate,	1 50
Chas. Bennett,	80
John Durgin,	1 38
J. A. Sowards,	6 87
Chas. F. Garland,	13 00
Freeman Roberts,	8 25
Sherman Roberts,	1 69
Orrin Foss,	25
A. A. Hanson,	4 50
J. W. Cater,	14 93
J. F. Hanson,	2 25
Chas. S. Hanson,	1 50
Archie Jewell,	38
Jesse M. Knowles,	18 18
J. H. Marrison,	18 44
W. A. Brown,	20 27
J. Langdo,	3 38
Ernest Carter,	5 06



Arthur McCormish,	11 75
S. W. Caverly,	81
G. A. Caverly,	7 88
John Hussey,	62
S. M. Leighton,	4 95
Bert Leighton,	5 68
W. M. Bateman,	6 23
C. N. Daniels,	3 87
James W. Tuttle,	20 88
N. J. Hanson,	25 50
E. S. Otis,	2 62
W. F. Caverly,	178 37
H. A. Drew, gravel,	6 50
S. M. Leighton, money expended,	5 02
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	\$1,065 48

W. F. CAVERLY, Road Agent.

FRANK E. SCRUTON, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

March	10, Copying bonds for road agent,	\$ 25
	13, Approve bonds of agent and treasurer,	1 50
	17, Signing blanks,	1 50
	19, Distributing blanks,	1 50
	27, Copying names on invoice book and appoint- ing Board of Health,	1 50
April	1, Taking inventory,	1 50
	2, " "	1 50
	3, " "	1 50
	5, " "	1 50
	6, " "	1 50
	7, " "	1 50
	14, Copying bond and warrant for dog constable,	25
	15, Receiving invoice,	1 50
	16, Comparing books,	1 50
	17, To see S. D. Felker about tax lumber,	1 50
	19, Making taxes,	1 50
	20, " "	1 50
	21, " "	1 50
	22, Returning inventory to state,	1 50
	24, Making taxes,	1 50
	27, " "	1 50
	26, To Barnstead with team to see about new highway,	3 00
	26, Dinner for self and team,	50
May	8, To Rochester to see Felker in regard to selling real estate for taxes,	1 50
	15, Copying invoice,	1 50
	17, To see sheep of D. S. Otis killed and dam- aged by dogs,	75
	22, Copying tax on collector's book,	1 50
	29, Attending collector's sale,	1 50
June	5, Settling bills,	1 50

June	8 to 10, Copying invoice,	\$3 00
July	3, Settling bills,	1 50
Aug.	5 and 6, Copying notices for road hearing,	1 00
	7, At office arranging for road hearing,	1 50
	11, To Wolfeboro to serve notice on W. E. Wigin of road hearing,	1 50
	11, Car fare,	1 80
	11, Dinner for self and team,	85
	12, To Farmington to serve notice on Solomon D. Berry of road hearing,	2 00
	13, To serve notice on Samuel D. Berry and H. Berry heirs of road hearing,	75
	14, Drawing jury,	1 00
	16, At Rochester on Hill case with team,	3 00
	17, " " " " " "	3 00
Sept.	1, Road hearing,	1 50
	2, " "	1 50
	4, Settling bills,	1 50
	6, To see W. F. Otis to see if he would accept notice of road hearing without legal notice,	75
	11, Considering new highway,	1 50
	15, Deciding on " "	1 00
Oct.	2, Settling bills,	1 50
	23, Drawing jury,	1 00
Nov.	6, Settling bills,	1 50
Dec.	4, Settling bills,	1 50
	18, Revising jury box,	1 50
	22, Settling state tax,	1 50
Jan.	1, '98, Settling bills,	1 50
	22, Drawing jury and settling bills,	1 50
	29, To see Felker about town business,	1 50
Feb.	5, Settling bills,	1 50
	11, "	1 50
	12, "	1 50
	14, "	1 50

Feb. 15, settling bills,	\$1 50
16, Closing books,	1 50
17,        "        "	1 50
Postage,	33
Express on supplies,	55
Paper, ink, pens, rubber bands, etc.,	93
18, Closing books,	1 50
19, Having books audited,	1 50
Carrying reports to printer,	1 00
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	\$98 71

STEPHEN M. LEIGHTON, SERVICES AS SELECTMAN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1898.

March 13, one-half day to prove bonds of road agents and treasurer,	\$ 1 00
March 17, one day to fill out blanks,	1 50
20, delivering blanks,	1 50
27, Copying invoice and appointing a Board of Health,	1 50
April 1, Taking inventory,	1 50
2,        "        "	1 50
3,        "        "	1 50
5,        "        "	1 50
6,        "        "	1 50
7,        "        "	1 50
10, One half day taking inventory,	1 00
15, To adjust valuation,	1 50
16,        "        "	1 50
19, To make taxes,	1 50
20,        "        "	1 50
21,        "        "	1 50
22,        "        "	1 50
24,        "        "	1 50

April 26, At Barnstead at road hearing,	\$ 1 50
26, horse,	1 50
26, cash paid out,	25
27, making taxes,	1 50
May 15, At town house to receive bids for collector,	1 50
22, Copying invoice and to appoint tax collector,	1 50
29, Attended collector's sale,	1 00
June 2, At Rochester to see council,	1 50
5, To pay bills,	1 50
July 3, To pay bills,	1 50
6, By request of John Locke, went to his house,	1 00
9, At Frank Scruton's on town business,	1 00
Aug. 3, At Rochester on town business,	1 50
7, Copying road petition,	1 50
12, Went to Durham to notify Mark K. Foss of road hearing,	3 00
14, One half day to draw jurors,	1 00
16, At Rochester on the Dr. Hill case hearing,	3 00
17, " " " "	3 00
Sept. 1, At road hearing,	1 50
2, " " "	1 50
4, To pay bills,	1 50
11, At road hearing,	1 50
15, Met to report on proposed road,	1 00
Oct. 12, To pay bills,	1 50
23, To draw jurors for the Kelley murder case,	1 00
Nov. 6, To pay bills,	1 50
11, One half day on town business,	1 00
11, Cash paid out,	15
Dec. 8, To pay bills,	1 50
18, Met to revise jury box,	1 50
Jan. 1, To pay bills,	1 50
3, To establish a county pauper,	1 00
11, Went to Crown Point on business,	1 50
12, To establish a county pauper,	1 00
22, To draw jurors,	1 50



Feb. 5, To pay bills,	\$1 50
11,        "	1 50
12,        "	1 50
14,        "	1 50
15, Closing book,	1 50
16,        "	1 50
18,        "	1 50
19, Auditing books,	1 50
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	\$ 87 90

JAMES H. FOSS FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR  
THE YEAR 1897.

Mar. 13, 1 day at town house to approve bonds of town treasurer and road agents,	\$1 50
Mar. 20, 1 day delivering inventory blanks,	1 50
27, 1 day at town house copying inventory, and appointing board of health,	1 50
April 1, 1 day taking inventory,	1 50
2,        "        "	1 50
3,        "        " and paying bills,	1 50
5,        "        "	1 50
6,        "        "	1 50
7,        "        "	1 50
15, 1 day at selectmen's office to receive invoice,	1 50
16,        "        " comparing books,	1 50
19,        "        " making taxes,	1 50
20,        "        "        "	1 50
22,        "        "        "	1 50
24, $\frac{1}{2}$ "        "        "	75
26, 1 day at Barnstead at the laying out of the new highway,	1 50
27, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at selectmen's office making tax,	75
May 15, 1 day at selectmen's office copying invoice,	1 50

May 17, $\frac{1}{2}$ day with team to award damages to D. S.	
Otis for sheep killed by dogs,	\$1 50
19, To Henry R. Foss, pasture to stop dogs kill-	
ing sheep and awarding damage,	1 00
22, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at town house,	75
29, At Bow Lake to attend the sale of property	
for taxes,	1 00
June 5, At selectmen's office, to pay road bills,	1 00
July 3,       "                       "	1 00
Aug. 7, At selectmen's office writing notices for road	
hearing,	1 50
14, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at selectmen's office to draw jurors,	75
31, 1 day going over proposed new road,	1 50
Sept. 3, 1 day at selectmen's office to pay road bills,	1 50
10,       "                       " considering the lay-	
ing out of new highway,	1 50
15, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at selectmen's office to render decision	
on laying out of new highway,	75
Oct. 2, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at selectmen's office settling bills,	75
23, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at selectmen's office to draw jurors,	75
Dec. 4, $\frac{1}{2}$ "                       " settling bills,	75
18, 1       "                       " revising juror box,	1 50
Jan. 1, 1898, 1 day at selectmen's office settling bills,	1 50
Feb. 1,       "                       "       "	1 50
11,       "                       "       "	1 50
12,       "                       "       "	1 50
14,       "                       "       "	1 50
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	\$ 50 50
Feb. 15, 1 day at selectmen's office settling bills,	1 50
16, 1 day at selectmen's office closing books,	1 50
17,       "                       "       "	1 50
18, $\frac{1}{2}$ "                       "       "	75
19, 1       "                       "       "	1 50
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	\$ 57 25

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

### OUTSTANDING DEBTS AGAINST THE TOWN,

FEB. 15th, 1898.

Lizzie S. Caswell, note,	\$ 200 00
Harry D. Perkins, note,	500 00
Martha A. Perkins, note,	600 00
Warren H. Perkins, note,	100 00
Smith W. Caswell, note,	605 86
N. C. Twombly, note,	640 64
D. D. Caswell, note,	1,000 00
Sarah Berry, note,	422 80
Esther J. Bunker, note,	540 00
Austin Academy fund,	4,160 00
Keziah Evans, note,	700 37
School District No. 11, before annexed to No. 10,	28 61
Balance due the town of Barnstead on new high- way, by order of court,	751 51
	<hr/> \$10,249 79

### DEBTS DUE THE TOWN, FEB. 15, 1898.

M. K. and L. K. Foss, land,	\$ 279 89
Real estate, sold for taxes, 1888,	18 44
C. Shaw, collector, land sold for taxes 1889, and not redeemed,	16 20
J. W. Tuttle, land sold for taxes and not redeemed,	301 44
J. L. Hall, " "	278 36
Elmer A. Scribner, collector, bal. of tax, 1897,	2,604 75
Amount in treasurer's hands,	893 35

To County Strafford, burying pauper,	\$14 00
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	\$4,406 43
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1898,	\$5,843 36

FRANK E. SCRUTON,	} Selectmen of Strafford.
STEPHEN M. LEIGHTON,	
JAMES H. FOSS,	

We the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and find them properly vouched and correctly cast

HIRAM S. HILL,	} Auditors.
DANIEL S. WOODMAN,	

## VALUATION OF TOWN OF STRAFFORD, SPRING, 1897.

Polls,	303	\$ 30,300 00
Land and buildings,		358,352 00
Horses,	379	15,305 00
Oxen,	70	3,530 00
Cows,	653	15,630 00
Neat,	225	4,026 00
Sheep,	315	926 00
Carriages,	3	150 00
Stock in banks,		3,120 00
Money on hand,		2,375 00
Stock in trade,		5,250 00
Mills,		2,200 00
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		\$447,373 00

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 APPROPRIATIONS.

Highway,	\$2,000 00
Town expenses,	2,000 00
County tax,	1,629 30
State tax,	1,165 00
School by law,	1,165 00
School by vote of town,	500 00
Memorial,	50 00
Library,	69 90
Repairs of school houses,	150 00
Per cent added,	218 26
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	\$8,947 46
Rate per cent,	2 00



## REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

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### *Citizens of Strafford:*

With pleasure we present the annual report of the School Board for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1898.

Our aim during the year has been to deal impartially with all, teachers, scholars and parents.

For teachers we secured the best available talent—giving preference to those of our own town. Fifteen different teachers were employed during the year. As a rule they proved capable and ambitious, and it gives us satisfaction to report a very prosperous year.

The number of children in town between the ages of five and sixteen, as reported by the truant officer is, boys ninety-two, girls, ninety-one—total, one hundred eighty-three.

There has been two terms of school during the year, a spring term of ten weeks and a fall term of twelve. The average attendance has been usually good. Certificates of good attendance were granted pupils not absent or tardy during a term. This had a good effect which is noticed in the increased daily attendance and in the bright interested faces which greet those who visit our schools.

We would make special mention of Roscoe E. Winkley, a lad of eight years who attends school in district No. 7. His name is found on the Roll of Honor each successive term for three years.

Over six of our schools the American flag floats each school day when the weather is suitable, thus showing the patriotism of the scholars. We hope the close of another year will find the "Stars and Stripes" floating over every school in town.

Our schoolhouses are sadly deficient in globes, maps, etc., and any one at all familiar with the requirements of a school-room knows what disadvantages a teacher labors under when

deprived of the privileges of availing themselves of these helps.

During the year the old arithmetics, being badly worn and too few in numbers, an exchange was made to the great advantage not only of the pupils, but the town as well.

More or less work has devolved upon the board occasioned by the repairs made. In No. 3 a new shed has been built, No. 5 house shingled, No. 7, some new windows, a door and graded. In 10 and 17, we arranged to paint both houses, but it is not completed as yet. In No. 13 the house has been shingled and some other necessary work done. In No. 18 some general repairs.

Other repairs are necessary especially in No. 15, that should be attended to soon.

We would recommend that steps be taken whereby our children may have twenty-four weeks of school each year. The children in our schools if of average mental powers ought to be able at fifteen years of age

1. To read well and spell well.
2. To write a neat and legible hand.
3. To know the main points in the geography of the world, and the leading events in the history of our country.
4. To speak correct English and to write readily a well-expressed letter of business or friendship.
5. To work accurately any plain business questions involving the four rules, common and decimal fractions, and simple interest.

We quote the following advice to teachers in ungraded country schools, which might well be read by parents also :

“Keep in mind the central fact that in country schools certain results must be obtained, even at the sacrifice of ornament and system. Only concentration can give strength. Make your pupils learn well the things they most need in the common walks of life, without regard to changes in educational fashions. Feathers and finery you do not need. Do not waste your time striving after the impossible. You cannot, however hard you may try, educate beyond the barriers fixed by nature

and surrounding circumstances. You will find some slow scholars, and some dull ones; some with strong latent powers, and others the reverse; some stubborn and others pliant, some good and others bad. If you are gifted with sound judgment and good common-sense, you will work on calmly, faithfully, hopefully, good-naturedly; disciplining the troublesome, taming the savage, bearing in mind that all dull boys and careless girls, will somehow or other grow up into better men and women than you dare hope for. Take comfort from the words that quaint old Thomas Fuller wrote two centuries ago:

‘Wines, the stronger they be, the more lees they have when they are new. Many boys are muddy-headed till they be clarified with age; and such afterwards proved the best. Bristol diamonds are both bright and squared and pointed by nature, and yet are soft and worthless; whereas Orient ones in India are rough and rugged naturally. Hard, rugged and dull natures in youth acquit themselves afterwards the jewels of the country; and therefore their dulness at first is to be borne with, if they be diligent. The schoolmaster deserves to be beaten himself who beats nature in a boy for a fault. And I question whether all the whipping in the world can make their parts who are naturally sluggish rise one minute before the hour nature hath appointed. All the whetting in the world can never set a razor’s edge on that which hath no steel in it.’ ”

As our schools are, such will be our scholars, and the importance of the best educational facilities for our children, and through them to the community, is not likely to be over-estimated.

The schools of Strafford need the influence and positive aid of every citizen.

If that influence and aid is given, we shall soon take front rank among the ungraded country schools of our state.

Respectfully submitted,

ELLA F. SCOTT	} School Board of Strafford.
HIRAM S. HILL,	
DANIEL S. WOODMAN,	

## ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

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### DIST. No. 1.

First Term.—Lena M. Howard, Iness V. Scruton, Sarah A. Howard, Mildred B. Howard, Thetis V. Scruton, Edgar A. Brock, Elwyn B. Howard.

Second Term.—Edgar A. Brock, Sarah A. Howard, Lydia Parshley, Alice G. Parshley, Ralph Parshley, Iness V. Scruton, Thetis V. Scruton.

### DIST. No. 3.

First Term.—Nellie F. Scruton, Flossie G. Scruton, Susie B. Scruton, Ardena M. Scruton, Bertha E. Scruton, Lura E. Berry, Carrie Felker, Carrie M. Ellis, John Y. Scruton.

Second Term.—Flossie G. Scruton, Ardena M. Scruton, Bertha E. Scruton, John Y. Scruton.

### DIST. No. 4.

First Term.—Edna M. Jones, Edith M. Ricker, Georgia A. Ricker, Bertha E. Canney, Frankie R. Jones.

Second Term.—Bertha E. Canney, Edna M. Jones, Frankie R. Jones, Edith M. Ricker, Georgie A. Ricker.

### DIST. No. 5.

First Term.—Abbie K. Clark, Addie H. Clark, George H. Webster, Myrtie A. Webster.

Second Term.—Carrie Lee, Ardena A. Holmes, Ina M. Libby, Abbie K. Clarke, Addie H. Clarke.

### DIST. No. 7.

First Term.—Ida D. Berry, Lucy I. Roberts, Eunice M. Varney, Harry J. P. Lord, Roscoe E. Winkley.

Second Term.—Eunice M. Varney, Roscoe E. Winkley.

## DIST. No. 9.

First Term.—Raymond Foss, Owen J. Libby, Grace L. Berry, Emma J. Brown, Florence L. Foss, Lena S. Libby, Stella A. Libby, Florys E. Smith, Clara B. Stiles, Elva M. Stiles.

Second Term.—Florence L. Foss, Clara B. Stiles, Elva M. Stiles, Emma J. Brown, Raymond Foss.

## DIST. No. 10.

First Term.—Edgar H. Foss, Clarence D. Huckins, E. Lillian Foss, Edith P. Foss, Florence A. Foss, Della E. Rowe.

Second Term.—Florence A. Foss, Edith P. Foss, Alice M. Huckins, Emma Huckins, Fred T. Huckins, Della E. Rowe, E. Lillian Foss.

## DIST. No. 12.

First Term.—Clara T. Avery, Mabel C. Perry, Maud A. Gray, Hartley D. Johnson.

Second Term.—Marion H. Whitney.

## DIST. No. 13.

First Term.—Leslie R. Tasker, George M. Tasker, Arthur H. Tasker, Willie F. Small, Arthur C. Small, Clarence H. Small, John F. Varney, Fred W. Drew, Belle L. Varney.

Second Term.—Arthur C. Small, Clarence H. Small, Arthur H. Tasker, George M. Tasker, Leslie R. Tasker.

## DIST. No. 15.

First Term.—Angie Alice Whitcher, Harold P. Whitcher, George Waldo Brown.

Second Term.—Harold P. Whitcher.

## DIST. No. 17.

First Term.—Edna Gray, Myrtie F. Hanson, Marcia F.



Hanson, Addie M. Hill, Lizzie M. Clark, Eldon C. Clark, Edson J. Clark, George Huston.

Second Term.—Almus W. Hill, Edson J. Clark.

DIST. No. 18.

First Term.—Albert H. Brown, George B. Leighton, Lindley J. Marison, Russell H. Griffin, Willie B. Foss, Vina L. Hanson, Lillian Brown, Annie L. Daniels, Minnie E. Tuttle, Flossie E. Griffin.

Second Term.—Lillian A. Brown, Mary A. Brown, Bessie M. Leighton, Gertrude M. Otis, Walter T. Parshley, Willie B. Foss, Walter H. Otis.

DIST. No. 19.

First Term.—Lucia E. Garland, Helen V. Garland, Olive J. Hall, Nellie C. Caverno, Bennie P. Harvell.

Second Term.—None.

Number of school Terms	TEACHERS.										Wages per month.	No. of scholars	Average attendance	Reading	Spelling	Pennmanship	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra	Geometry	Philosophy	Composition
1	1	Nellie W. Hilton	\$24	20	17	20	20	18	13	6	7	5	8	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	Elizabeth W. Chesley	24	16	14	16	15	16	10	8	7	5	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	Vina Styles	22	13	12	12	12	10	10	7	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	2	Lizzie Leighton	24	15	10	15	15	13	11	5	5	5	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	1	Annie F. Jones	22	7	7	7	7	7	7	0	5	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	2	" "	22	7	5	7	7	7	7	2	3	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	1	Lizzie J. Leighton	22	9	9	9	9	7	7	4	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	2	Nellie W. Hilton	22	11	9	11	11	11	10	2	4	3	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	1	Edith D. Piper	22	12	11	12	12	12	12	8	8	8	8	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	2	" "	22	7	5	7	7	7	5	3	2	4	4	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	1	Sadie L. Scruton	22	13	12	13	13	13	9	5	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	2	Jennie S. Thomas	22	16	12	16	16	16	14	7	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	1	Winnie B. Hill	24	17	14	17	17	14	11	10	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	2	" "	24	20	15	20	20	20	17	14	6	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	1	Lilla B. Foss	22	9	7	9	9	8	8	5	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	2	" "	22	12	8	12	12	10	10	7	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	1	Frank H. Hilton	22	14	14	14	14	12	10	7	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	2	Sadie L. Scruton	22	15	13	15	15	15	12	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	1	Charles W. Witcher	26	5	5	5	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15	2	" "	26	9	6	9	9	8	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	1	Minerva R. Perry	32	31	26	31	31	31	26	22	14	4	0	0	1	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17	2	" "	28	25	22	25	25	25	20	14	9	3	12	2	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	1	May L. Parshley	26	28	25	28	28	25	2	10	9	1	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	2	" "	28	27	24	27	27	27	19	12	8	0	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	1	Annie M. Hayes	24	15	13	15	15	15	15	10	11	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	2	" "	24	17	13	17	17	16	15	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

# Treasurer's Report

OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWN OF  
STRAFFORD, FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

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## MONEY RECEIVED HIRAM S. HILL.

Money received and receipted for by Hiram S. Hill, treasurer  
of the school district of the town of Strafford, for the year  
ending February 15th, 1898.

Balance on hand from last year,	\$ 195 44
Received of J. J. Perry, town treasurer,	2,057 43
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	\$2,252 87

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## MONEY PAID OUT HIRAM S. HILL.

Money paid out by Hiram S. Hill, treasurer of the school dis-  
trict of the town of Strafford, for the year ending February  
15th, 1898.

### TEACHERS—SPRING TERM.

No.	1.	Nellie W. Hilton,	10 weeks at \$6 00	\$60 00
	3.	Vina L. Stiles,	10 " 5 50	55 00
	4.	Annie F. Jones,	10 " 5 50	55 00
	5.	Lizzie J. Leighton,	10 " 5 50	55 00
	7.	Edith D. Piper,	10 " 5 50	55 00
	9.	Sadie L. Scruton,	10 " 5 50	55 00

No. 10.	Winnie B. Hill,	10	weeks	6 00	\$60 00
12.	Lilla B. Foss,	10	"	5 50	55 00
13.	Frank H. Hilton,	10	"	5 50	55 00
15.	Charles W. Whiteher,	10	"	6 50	65 00
17.	Minerva R. Perry,	10	"	8 00	80 00
18.	May L. Parshley,	10	"	6 50	65 00
19.	Annie M. Hayes,	10	"	6 00	60 00
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					\$775 00

## TEACHERS—FALL TERM.

No. 1.	Elizabeth Chesley,	12	weeks at	\$6 00	\$72 00
3.	Lizzie J. Leighton,	12	"	6 00	72 00
4.	Annie F. Jones,	12	"	5 50	66 00
5.	Nellie W. Hilton,	12	"	5 50	66 00
7.	Edith D. Piper,	12	"	5 50	66 00
9.	Jennie S. Thomas,	12	"	5 50	66 00
10.	Winnie B. Hill,	12	"	6 00	72 00
12.	Lilla B. Foss,	12	"	5 50	66 00
13.	Sadie L. Scruton,	12	"	5 50	66 00
15.	Charles W. Whiteher,	12	"	6 50	78 00
17.	Minerva R. Perry,	12	"	7 00	84 00
18.	May L. Parshley,	12	"	7 00	84 00
19.	Annie M. Hayes,	12	"	6 00	72 00
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					\$930 00

## CLEANING HOUSES.

Stella M. Foss,	No. 1,	\$2 00
Charles F. Felker,	" 3,	2 00
Lucy Peabody,	" 4,	2 00
Cora A. Clark,	" 5,	2 00

Ida D. Berry,	No. 7,	\$2 00
Mrs. James F. Seavey,	" 9,	2 00
Jennie E. Rowe,	" 10,	2 00
Mrs. A. B. Johnson,	" 12,	2 00
Cora A. Drew,	" 13,	2 00
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		\$18 00

## REPAIRS.

B. M. Foss, No. 1,	\$ 50
James H. Foss, new shed, No. 3,	45 00
Ella F. Scott, No. 4,	1 45
E. K. Clark, No. 5,	8 30
Lovell F. Berry, No. 7,	15 35
Hiram S. Hill, No. 10 and 13,	2 15
Albert R. Drew, No. 13,	29 93
D. S. Woodman, paint for Nos. 10 and 17,	38.61
George H. Head, No. 17,	75
C. N. Daniels, No. 18,	11 04
J. J. Perry, glass, nails &c.,	1 39
Rochester Lumber Co., 6 M cedar shingles,	15 60
Charles S. Bailey, stove and funnel,	8 80
D. S. Woodman, 4 days at \$1.50,	6 00
H. S. Hill, " "	6 00
John H. Shepard hauling shingles,	1 50
B. M. Foss, labor, No. 1,	65
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	\$193 02

## WOOD.

B. M. Foss, 2½ feet fitted,	\$1 50
J. H. Perkins, 6 cds. "	9 00
D. S. Woodman, " "	1 50



Charles Foss, kindlings,	\$ 50
Cyrus G. Scott, 2 eds.,	9 75
J. H. Perkins, 1 “	1 50
E. R. Smith, 1 “	3 00
C. E. Evans, $\frac{1}{2}$ “	2 00
D. D. Caswell, $\frac{1}{2}$ “	2 00
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	\$30 75

#### MISSCELLANEOUS.

R. H. Musgrove & Co., printing,	\$1 75
D. S. Woodman, sundries,	1 75
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	\$3 50

#### SUMMARY.

Spring term,	\$775 00
Fall term,	930 00
Cleaning houses,	18 00
Repairs,	193 02
Wood,	30 75
Miscellaneous,	3 50
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	\$1,950 27
Whole amount received,	2,252 87
Paid out,	1,950 27
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Balance on hand,	302 60

HIRAM S. HILL, Treasurer.

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

HENRY W. HAYES, } Auditors for School  
G. A. ROWE, } District of Strafford.

Strafford, N. H., Feb. 15th, 1898.



# Births Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Birth.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & Cond'n			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	Color.	Color.	Color of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Color of Parents.	Color of Parents.
Jan. 29		F	F	L 5 W	Charles W. Daniels	Mary F. Goss	w Stratford	Farmer	Stratford	Haverhill, Mass	39 3/8	38 3/8
Mar. 19		F	F	L 8 W	Charles E. Parshley	Mary E. Jowell	"	"	"	"	38 3/4	38 3/4
Apr. 19		F	F	L 2 S	Frank H. Pratt	Mary A. Avery	"	"	"	"	24 2/7	24 2/7
Aug. 2		F	F	L 2 S	Hiram A. Berry	Eliza J. Whitley	"	"	"	"	24 2/7	24 2/7
Nov. 7	Mildred	F	M	L 1	Charles V. Soule	Bertha A. Caswell	"	Shoemaker	"	"	46 4/4	46 4/4

## Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of Each at time of Marriage.	Age in Years of Each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of Each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Official Station of person by whom married.	Name, Residence and
Jan. 17	Northwood	George M. Mudgett	Stratford	50 w	Farmer	Sandwich	Samuel Mudgett	Dover, N. H.	Farmer	3	Rev. Wm. A. Bushner
Jan. 17	Stratford BL	Nellie E. Webber	"	31	Housekeeper	Dover, N. H.	John P. Webber	Stratford	"	1	Northwood Center
Jan. 17	Stratford	Harry D. Perkins	"	23	Farmer	Dover	David M. Perkins	Stratford	"	1	Rev. E. C. Cook
Jan. 26	Stratford	Mable F. Rowe	"	18	Housekeeper	Dover	Geo. W. Rowe	Gray, N. H.	"	1	Stratford
Jan. 26	Stratford	Byron J. Pease	"	29	Farmer	Canada	John W. Pease	Tamworth	"	1	Rev. E. C. Cook
May 1	Stratford	Mary S. Perry	"	40	Dressmaker	Stratford	Alburt V. Canney	Stratford	"	2	Stratford
May 1	Stratford	Henry G. Parshley	"	26	Farmer	Medford	Sauborn Parshley	Medford	"	1	Rev. N. C. Lathrop
July 11	Stratford	Mabel B. Moore	"	20	Housekeeper	Pittsfield	Fredrick G. Moore	Pittsfield	"	1	Stratford
Aug. 31	Stratford	Clarence E. Parsons	Pittsfield	35	Painter	Mass	Lyman Parsons	Pittsfield	"	1	Rev. F. S. Knowlton
Aug. 31	Stratford	Charles M. Soule	Stratford	33	Shoemaker	Mass	Simon Jones	Massachusetts	"	1	Rev. N. C. Lathrop
Sept. 28	Amesbury	Bertha A. Caswell	Amesbury	23	Farmer	Stratford	Edmond Caswell	Stratford	"	1	Rev. F. W. Gibbs
Sept. 28	Amesbury	Louis B. Brown	Amesbury	24	Housekeeper	Amesbury	Jared P. Brown	Dover	"	1	Amesbury, Mass
Dec 2	Stratford	Mary E. Meader	Stratford	25	Farmer	Stratford	George Meader	Barrington	"	1	Rev. E. C. Cook
Dec 2	Stratford	Henry H. Locke	Barrington	16	Housekeeper	Barrington	John W. Locke	Barrington	"	1	Stratford

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.		Place of Birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, or Widowed.	Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Maiden name of Mother.	Disease or Cause of Death.
			Years.	Months.						Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 4	Stratford	Eliza Cushing	82	7 13	Stratford	F	W	W	Domestic	Stratford	Stratford	Susan Libbey	Old Age
Jan. 26	"	Phebe H. Berry	80	9 1	"	F	M	S	Farmer	"	"	Lydia Caverno	Shock
Jan. 26	"	Joseph Garland	75	3 21	"	F	M	S	Housekeeper	"	"	Charlotte Clark	Paralysis
Feb. 8	"	Eliza Hall	59	6 11	"	F	M	M	Housekeeper	"	"	Elizabeth Gate	Pneumonia
Mar. 25	"	Jennie B. Burbank	61	7 13	"	F	M	M	Domestic	Stratford	Stratford	Mary Willey	Softening Brain
Mar. 28	"	Ruth S. Tasker	73	4 24	Stratford	F	M	W	Shoemaker	Lebanon,	E. Roches'r	Sarah McCallis	Consumption
Apr. 23	"	Elmer G. Varney	37	1 29	E. Rochester	M	M	S	Housekeeper	Stratford	Wm. Hall	Louisa Davis	Bright's Disease
Apr. 28	"	Selindia F. Stiles	51	1 16	"	F	F	W	Book-keeper	Bangor	Middleton	Ann J. Gray	Cancer
June 15	"	John E. Valentine	11	2 26	Worcester	M	M	M	Farmer	Worcester	Stratford	Lizzie Berry	Heart Disease
June 15	"	George W. Brewster	85	11 20	Stratford	F	F	W	Housewife	Barrington	Barber Gray	Hannah Gray	Congestive Chill
June 9	"	Sybil C. Chase	82	3 27	Stratford	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Alton	Laura Kimb all	Heart Disease
July 31	"	Myra L. Sanders	82	3 27	Stratford	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Barrington	Betsy Rowe	Cancer of Rectum
Sept. 3	"	Mary E. Moore	32	4 25	"	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Stratford	Hannah Foss	Paralysis
Sept. 5	"	Ellen E. Hall	62	6	"	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Stratford	Abigail Drew	Heart and Kidney
Sept. 26	"	Sarah E. Locke	62	6	"	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Stratford	Nancy Locke	Child Birth
Sept. 26	"	Francis M. Berry	55	10 17	Stratford	F	F	M	Housewife	Stratford	Stratford	Lucy	Cancer Stomach
Sept. 26	"	Louisa Gray	62	6	"	F	F	M	"	Stratford	Stratford	Melina Ham	Phthisic Typhoid
Oct. 14	"	Laura E. Hill	41	1 2	Alton	F	F	M	"	Stratford	Stratford	Hannah	Old Age, Gen. De.
Oct. 14	"	Abigail B. Hill	48	10 18	"	F	F	M	"	Stratford	Stratford	"	"
Oct. 17	"	Abigail Brewster	74	7 19	Acton, Me.	F	F	M	"	Acton, Me.	Acton, Me.	"	"
Nov. 13	"	Cynthia G. Hill	22	2 23	Stratford	F	F	M	"	Stratford	Stratford	"	"
Nov. 4	"	Mattie M. S. Gile	22	2 23	Stratford	F	F	M	"	Stratford	Stratford	"	"
Nov. 16	"	Lydia Berry	88	2 8	"	F	F	S	"	Stratford	Stratford	"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. FOSS, Town Clerk.









AUG 06 1993